

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

212)

CRM-M-13485 of 2020

Date of Decision: 18.06.2020

Ramanjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Harmandeep Singh Sullar, DAG, Punjab

Amol Rattan Singh, J. (Oral)

All the cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

By this petition, filed under the provisions of Section 439 of the Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks the concession of bail, upon FIR no.218 dated 28.11.2019 having been registered at Police Station Division B, District Amritsar, against him, alleging therein the commission of an offence punishable under Section 379-B, read with Section 34 of the IPC.

Pursuant to the order of this court dated 11.06.2020, Mr. Harmandeep Singh Sullar, learned DAG, Punjab, submits that he has obtained instructions to the effect that the *challan* was presented on 27.01.2020 to the trial court but the charge is still to be framed.

He also submits that other than the present case, another FIR, alleging therein the commission of an offence punishable under Section 401 of the IPC, stand registered against the petitioner, in which he has been admitted to

bail.

He further submits that the petitioner was arrested at the spot at the time when he snatched the mobile phone of the complainant.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner having been in custody for about 7 months now, with not even the charge framed and the nature of offence being the snatching of a single mobile phone, with the petitioner being only 20 years old, he deserves another chance.

In view of the above, without making any comment on the merits of the case, for or against the petitioner, looking at the nature of the offence (though of course an offence punishable under Section 379-B of the IPC is otherwise a very serious offence), yet, also looking at the period of the custody of the petitioner, I deem it appropriate to admit the petitioner to bail during the pendency of the trial.

Consequently, this petition is allowed, with the petitioner directed to be enlarged on bail, upon his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

18.06.2020
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking: Yes
Whether reportable: No